



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Year 4 2020-2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a HUGE welcome to the new Year 4 children and parents/carers. This is a quick update of any changes to routines that you may need to know about how our Bowerham Family will be operating in September. With government guidance and in line with the Bowerham Primary and Nursery School recovery plan and risk assessment Year 4 will be operating as a Year 4 mini family. This means that the children of Year 4 will not be mixing with any other year group in school and we will have our breaks and dinner times separating from others.

### Morning Routines (drop off)

In September our Year 4 children will enter school through the black school gates. Due to social distancing rules parents are requested to allow their children to enter the school grounds independently. Year 4 children will enter school via the main pupil entrance from 8:40am with an 8.50am start.

### Dinner time

Dinner time routines have had to change due to Covid restrictions. This means that our dinner times are staggered and Year 4 dinner is 12.15pm-1.00pm with all children eating at 12.15pm in the dinner hall. This will be those children on school lunches and those with lunches from home too. At 12:30pm, the children will be going out to play in the same areas as at morning playtime (see above). During Covid restriction we have only offered a one choice menu and this has been incredibly successful for a number of reasons.

- 1) It has reduced anxiety around food choice.
- 2) As children are all eating the same meal they have encouraged each other.
- 3) Parents have reported that their children are eating foods that they have never eaten before and has given parents the reassurance that their child is having a balanced and varied diet. This has supported tea time routines with the children eating different items at home.

Please see the menu on the Bowerham website: <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/school-menus/>

### End of the day routines

At the end of the day parents are invited to collect children from the main pupil entrance (where the children were dropped off). The gates are opened at 3.00pm with a 3.10pm collection. We ask that

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parents **stand away from the doors, observe social distancing rules** and children will be sent to the person collecting.

### **Transition**

On Friday, 10th July, there will be a transition choice board going onto the website that we have created. This will have transition activities on it that the children will be able to complete over the summer holidays, in order to prepare them for transition when we return. Alongside the transition board, there will also be a video where Mrs Dyer, and Mr Morris will introduce themselves and we will share pictures and explain what will happen when the children start in Year 4 so they know what to expect. Please see the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5udnZWLep9s>

As the children's time in Year 3 has unfortunately been cut short; when we return in September, initially, in Year 4, we will continue to follow the Year 3 curriculum. This will help ensure the transition from Year 3 to Year 4 is as smooth as possible for the children and to establish a firm foundation of the Year 3 curriculum before starting the Year 4 curriculum.

### **Kids Club**

If your child is attending Bowerham Kids Club or Casual Club, they will be asked to stay in the classroom until they are picked up by the Kids Club. Please keep staff and Kids Club fully informed if there are any changes to proposed childcare. We also have a casual care club available if needed. More details about the casual care club can be found through the following link: <https://www.bowerham.co.uk/casual-care-club/>

Day	Agenda	Information
Daily routines	Lunchtimes	Please talk to your child about the dinner option for that day.
	Communication Diary and Reading Book	Children must bring their communication diary and home reading book into the classroom and put on their tables. During your child's first week in Year 4 an adult will hear your child read and a reading book will be allocated. In Year 4, the children will also visit the school's library once a week to enjoy their own choice of book. Please continue to read and enjoy lots of books over the summer. This is more important than ever this year, especially if your child has not been in school.
	Playtimes Snack and Milk	If you wish your child to have milk you need to contact cool milk directly at the following website <a href="http://.coolmilk.com">http://.coolmilk.com</a> .
	Daily Reading and spellings	Children need to read and practise their spellings daily.
Monday	Just Write Day	Please ensure children have had the opportunity to do their Talk Homework before their Just Write. This will be available on the website and is given out on the Thursday of the week before. Just Write can take place on any day in a variety of ways. All you need to do is TALK about your ideas with your child.
Thursday	P.E day	Children come to school in their full P.E kit (uniform list available on the website)
	Homework	A homework <b>task</b> is accessible on My Maths. It will be updated weekly every Thursday.
Friday	Dress down day	Children can come in their own choice of bottoms and sensible footwear.

**Additional information**

- It is important that you **clearly label** your child's normal school uniform and their PE kit. A name label pack is available from the uniform shop.
- If someone else is collecting your child from school, please can you indicate this in their communication diary.
- If it is your child's birthday, they are welcome to come dressed in their own clothes. If you would like to send a birthday cake, please could you send in biscuits or snacks that are individually wrapped.
- We encourage all parents and visitors to our school not to use mobile phones on our school grounds and to talk and interact with your children at these times.

As always, if you have any queries or issues, your first point of contact should be your class teacher, followed by Lower Key Stage 2 Leader Mrs Thompson and then Deputy Headteacher Mrs Bouweraerts.

**We look forward to an exciting and fun time in Year 4!**

Thank you.

Mrs Dyer, Mr Morris, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Parkin, Mrs Austin and Ms Nagorski